

Herzog inaugurates Remembrance Day

Jerusalem Post Staff
President Chaim Herzog lit a memorial flame at a short ceremony at the Western Wall in Jerusalem yesterday evening to mark Remembrance Day.

Herzog and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy eulogized the soldiers who fell in Israel's wars as well as the fighters of the underground who were killed before the state's foundation.

"Nothing can console those who lost loved ones during Israel's wars," Herzog said, "is to keep in mind what would happen if Israel did not face up to the challenges confronting it."

An uproar occurred during the speech of Yehonatan Ben-Natan, members of

the audience objected to Ben-Natan's references to differences of opinion over the war in Lebanon and angrily shouted at him to keep away from politics.

Last night in Jerusalem, youth from No'ar Ha'oved Vehalomed handed out 6,000 flower bouquets to bereaved families who visited gravesites on Mt. Herzl.

Air-raid sirens will be sounded today at 11 a.m. to signal the commencement of memorial services at the country's military cemeteries.

Hundreds of Druse dignitaries will attend the ceremony to be held at the military cemetery on Mount Carmel today in memory of the 183 Druse who have fallen in the line of duty.

The government will be represented by former finance minister Yoram Aridor.

Remembrance Day will end at sunset today, as the mourning is replaced by the celebration of Israel's 36th Independence Day.



President Chaim Herzog lights a memorial flame at the Western Wall in Jerusalem last night during a ceremony held to open Remembrance Day for Israel's fallen. (Rahumim Israeli)

Hebron attack suspect 'turned in partners'

By DAVID RICHARDSON
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

One of the alleged perpetrators of last year's terrorist attack on the Hebron Islamic University several months ago became an informer for the General Security Service, which refrained from acting against his accomplices while he provided information on additional terror activities.

This was one of the facts to emerge over the weekend about the investigation into a Jewish terrorist underground active in Gush Emunim settlements in the West Bank and on the Golan Heights. Some 20 alleged members of the group are in custody following the attempt to sabotage five Arab-owned buses in East Jerusalem last Friday.

The Council of Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, meanwhile, has decided not to extend legal aid to anyone charged in the case.

It is not clear whether the GSS's "mole" among the group said to be responsible for the attack on the Islamic University was the same informer who led police sappers to the five buses which were sabotaged in the early hours of last Friday morning.

Other evidence to emerge is that one of the detainees became ultra-

religious and joined the Gush Emunim settlement of Beit El north of Jerusalem.

In addition, persistent and widespread unofficial reports indicate that investigators are attempting to verify if members of the group had links with Israeli political figures.

GSS agents and police backed by troops sealed off Kiryat Arba on Thursday night and during wide-spread searches in the suburb discovered illegal arms and explosives. Among the weapons recovered were IDF-issue arms, handed over to the settlers as part of the regional defence programme, which were subsequently reported as missing. IDF grenades and explosives were also discovered.

Reuters in Jerusalem reports that security agents have questioned veterans of the disbanded unit 101, a commando force in the 1950s headed by Ariel Sharon.

Unit 101 was an elite, anti-insurgent squad which carried out revenge raids against Arabs' deep inside Jordan and the then Egyptian-held Gaza Strip in 1953. Its numbers never exceeded 45.

According to sources none of the veterans questioned has been arrested.

The decision to withhold legal aid was reached on Friday morning after a week in which Gush Emunim spokesmen first denounced the

arrests of some 20 settlers from the administered territories, then denounced the extent of the arrests, and finally said that the Gush would have to do some "soul-searching" in response to the discovery of the underground.

Spokesmen for the Gush refused to comment on Friday afternoon on the decision not to provide legal aid to the suspects. Several lawyers, introduced by Gush members to relatives of the suspects, however, continued to meet with their clients on Friday.

There were indications at the weekend that those suspects cooperating with the investigators are those who are being allowed to meet with their lawyers. But at least one lawyer has promised to go to the High Court of Justice today to seek an injunction enabling him to see his client.

The attorney-general's office has asked the police and security forces to gather more material evidence against several men in custody suspected of plotting the assassination attempt on the West Bank mayors four years ago.

Material gathered concerning two other major cases and two minor cases has been given to the prosecutors, though investigators are still interrogating suspects in the alleged Jewish terror underground, seeing (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Independence Day festivities begin tonight after sunset

Jerusalem Post Staff

Fireworks, singing, dancing and outdoor recreation will replace today's sombre Remembrance Day for the country's fallen as Independence Day celebrations begin after sunset tonight in Israel's cities, towns and villages.

A centerpiece of this year's festi-

ties will be a gathering tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at the Ramat Gan stadium, featuring a free-fall parachuting demonstration, an Air Force aerobatic demonstration and dance troupes. The national soccer team will play against an army team for the Defence Minister's Cup.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets to the event will be donated to Shitrotom, the fund-raising drive organized by the Army Radio. A car and five television sets will be raffled to holders of entrance tickets.

In Jerusalem, celebrations will be somewhat more subdued this year than in the past, for budgetary reasons. Tonight's main activities will be in the city centre and at Liberty Bell Park, with public dancing in more distant neighbourhoods as well. There will be fireworks at 10 in the centre, and kumstiz singing in the Valley of the Cross after midnight.

Tomorrow, Mayor Teddy Kollek will hold a reception for Jerusalemites at David's Tower, and the Israel and Rockefeller Museums will be free to the public. The day will close with Leonard Bernstein conducting the Israel Philharmonic at the Sultan's Pool, with fireworks at the end.

In Tel Aviv tonight, Rehov Dizengoff will be closed between the Dizengoff circle and Sderot Ben-Gurion, and traffic will not be allowed to cross Dizengoff from Frishman and Gordon streets. Dance companies representing the country's various ethnic groups will perform folk dances on seven stages along the length of Dizengoff.

The central event will take place at Kikar Malchei Yisrael, with the participation of the Shalom '84 singing group, the Tel Aviv scouts choir and guest singers. A "punk disco" will be put back one hour.

At least 15 killed in renewed Beirut battles

BEIRUT (AP). — Mortar and artillery shells slammed into widespread residential neighbourhoods in both East and West Beirut yesterday, killing at least 15 people and wounding more than 80 others.

The renewed outbreak of fighting came as efforts to install a national unity cabinet to end Lebanon's nine-year civil war remained stymied and as a separate battle erupted between Druse and Sunni Moslem militias in mostly Moslem West Beirut.

The fighting across the "green line" between Christian East Beirut

and the city's western sector escalated into heavy exchanges at mid-afternoon following a battle on the same front that ended at dawn.

It was the worst outbreak of fighting since the latest ceasefire went into effect on April 19 with special truce observers and a disengagement force to police it.

At the height of the afternoon fighting, shells were reported falling from the Moslem area of Ouzai on Beirut's southern outskirts to the Christian coastal city of Jounieh, 25 (Continued on back page)

U.S. and Israel to carry out emergency medical exercise

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. and Israel, for the first time, will conduct a joint medical cooperation exercise "probably in the next two or three months," a senior U.S. Defence Department official has disclosed.

In remarks before the American Jewish Congress here, Assistant Under Secretary of Defence for Policy and Resources, Dov Zakheim, said the planned exercise will "reinforce" last December's U.S.-Israeli agreement "to share medical support in the event of some disaster or emergency."

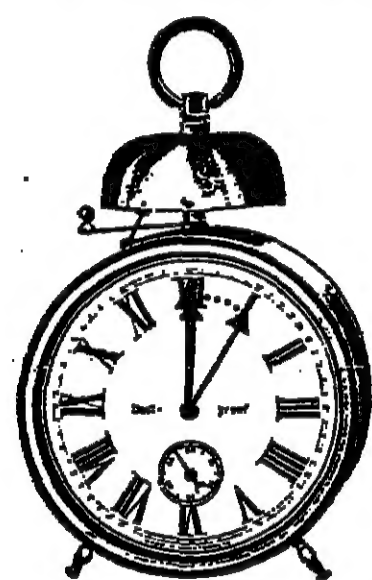
This will be the first step implementing the recently enhanced U.S.-Israeli strategic relationship. He noted that the American-Israeli joint political/military group, which convened for the first time last January, is moving toward "combined planning, exercises, access

and possible requirements for pre-positioning of U.S. equipment" in Israel.

Until now, U.S. and Israeli officials have been under strict instructions to avoid releasing any details of the discussions. Thus, Zakheim's comments represented the most specific description to date on what the two sides have been discussing in highly secret sessions over the past several weeks.

President Reagan, during a March speech before the Young Leadership Conference of the United Jewish Appeal, simply said the talks were moving ahead very well. Other U.S. and Israeli officials involved in the dialogue have agreed, although they insist that any premature disclosure might undermine the overall process.

Zakheim said Gen. Donald Keith, commander of the U.S. Army's Military Readiness and Development Command, visited Israel in recent (Continued on Page 6)



Changed clocks?

Did you remember to turn your clocks and watches forward one hour last night? Daylight Saving Time (summer time) came into effect at midnight last night, putting Israel time three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time and seven hours ahead of America's east coast summer time.

Summer time ends in Israel at midnight on August 25, also a Saturday night, when clocks will be put back one hour.

Arson and violence in Armenian quarter

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arsonists attacked the Jerusalem home of an Armenian archbishop, and another member of the Armenian community was brutally beaten over the weekend.

The fire broke out in the early hours yesterday at the Old City residence of Archbishop Shabe Ajamian, who was ousted last year as the community's Grand Sacristan after a dispute with Armenian Patriarch Yeshighe Derderian.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post Ajamian said that "of course my suspicions go directly to the patriarch," adding that he would not be surprised if the next attack is on his life.

Only a few hours before the fire, on Friday night, assailants attacked Hagop Meneshian, a baker who was returning to the Patriarchate from

his shop nearby, causing severe cuts and bruises above the head. Meneshian told The Post that he is convinced the beating came as a result of an argument that he had with Ajamian a few weeks before.

The police spokesman said last night that it is very likely that the attacks, as well as others which preceded them, were the result of the dispute between the two church leaders. The police are investigating, he said, despite what he described as a lack of assistance from within the Armenian community.

Ajamian said he was first notified of the blaze by a neighbour who called him at 3 a.m. Ajamian had not stayed in the Patriarchate, which locks its gates at 10 p.m., because he was having dinner with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis.

He arrived to find the police and the fire brigade outside his smouldering flat. The blaze had been started by a firebomb thrown through the bedroom window.

Inside the room, a wardrobe was reduced to cinders and the walls (Continued on back page)



Armenian Archbishop Shabe Ajamian examines the remains of a wardrobe burned in the fire at his home in Jerusalem early yesterday. Opposite him is the window through which the firebomb was thrown. (Nitzhak Harari)

IDF unveils new rockets, anti-tank missiles

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Defence Forces has an improved, locally produced Katyusha rocket system and better TOW anti-tank missiles, the Defence Ministry disclosed on Friday to mark Independence Day.

The 290mm. artillery rocket system can fire four Katyushas within 10 seconds to a distance of 10 to 40 kilometres, the Ministry spokesman said.

The first generation of locally produced Katyusha rockets, made available to the IDF shortly after the 1967

war, was a short-range 240mm. rocket system.

An unnamed foreign government financed the development of an engine for a medium range artillery rocket. The IDF took advantage of that and ordered a ground-to-ground rocket system which has now become operational.

It is built on the chassis of an improved Centurion tank, which was considered more suitable than the old Sherman chassis that held the first generation Katyusha rocket systems. The new system is more manoeuvrable.

The weapon is equipped with a system which allows for quick re-loading of rockets, cutting the time needed from 45 minutes to five. The weapon successfully proved itself during the war in Lebanon.

The military industries have also finished changing the warheads on all of Israel's anti-tank TOW missiles.

The TOW has been described as the most widespread anti-tank weapon in the West, but the defence establishment believed that something better than the original version was required to counter the modern

armour of the T-72 Soviet-made tanks, which have been supplied to Syria, Iraq, Libya and Algeria.

Israel chose to retain the TOW system for logistic, economic and operational reasons, and a military industry unit formed 10 years ago was instructed to improve its effectiveness.

The report said that development of the new warhead was completed within 20 months, 10 months less than a parallel project done in the U.S. undertaken by the Hughes Company.

Jesse Jackson urges Assad to free Israelis

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP). — The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Friday that he has sent a cable to Syrian President Hafez Assad appealing for the release of the three Israelis captured in Lebanon last week.

In the cable, the civil-rights leader said, "I have noted with concern events with regard to the Syrian capture of three Israeli diplomats. I would again urgently appeal to you for the prompt release of these persons in view of the fact that such an action may have a further positive bearing on the reduction of tensions in that region."

Meanwhile Defence Minister Moshe Arens said in an interview published Friday that Israel will maintain its liaison office near Beirut despite the capture of the three Israelis.

Speaking to Yediot Aharanot, Arens was quoted as saying that "if we were to close our liaison office in Lebanon that would seriously harm our communications. We will insist this communication be maintained."

Israel dismisses Arafat call for talks, mutual recognition

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

Officials in Jerusalem last night rejected Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat's reported offer for mutual recognition and peace talks under UN auspices.

Arafat's offer was quoted in an interview published on Friday in the French weekly Le Nouvel Observateur. It was the first time he had specifically called for direct negotiations with Israel and said that their goal should be mutual recognition between Israel and a neighbouring Palestinian state.

"Our stand is that there are no talks with the PLO, which is a terrorist organization," said one government official. Another official called Arafat's statement a "propaganda exercise."

Although the magazine has not yet reached Jerusalem, the Israeli officials noted that in the same interview Arafat reportedly spoke out

against terror, but "he did not tell his interviewer that the PLO applauded the last two terror incidents and claimed responsibility for last December's bombing of an Egged bus in Jerusalem."

The paper's correspondent briefly interviewed Arafat at the PLO headquarters in Tunisia earlier last week, before Arafat's departure for Amman, where he discussed possible peace moves with Jordan's King Hussein.

"What I want is peace," Arafat said. "Neither victor nor vanquished, but peace."

"How do you propose to achieve this?" he was asked.

"Direct negotiations," Arafat replied. "The Israelis and ourselves, under the auspices of the UN."

"I would propose a mutual recognition of two states," he added. Earlier, he rejected terrorism (Continued on Page 3)

NEWS BACKGROUND/Liora Moriel

Time running out for Black Hebrews?

ELECTIONS are approaching and the Black Hebrew community, which some observers now estimate has as many as 2,500 members in Israel, is once again in the headlines.

The timing may be only coincidental, but the fact remains that never before have such high-ranking government officials made such unequivocal statements as to the fate of the black American messianic cult. The first members of the Black Hebrews, as the cult is known here, arrived in Israel almost 15 years ago. Their status was unclear from the start and has been in limbo since the Supreme Court declared in 1972 that they are not Jewish and therefore not eligible for citizenship under the Law of Return.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, in a written reply last month to a parliamentary question sent him two

years earlier, stated categorically: "The Black Hebrews will not be given an official status in Israel."



Self-proclaimed Messiah of the Black Hebrews, Ben-Ami Carter. (David Rubinger)

Burg's ministry has previously refused to establish a definite policy regarding the group, despite repeated requests from the mayors of the three Negev towns — Dimona, Arad and Mitzpe Ramon — where most of the Black Hebrews have settled.

Burg himself has refused to implement the recommendations of the commission set up by his ministry and headed by fellow National Religious Party member David Glass, then an M.K. After two years of investigation, the Glass Report proposed that the Black Hebrews be permitted to stay in Israel, be given legal status and be relocated in a special village community.

Dov Shilansky, M.K. a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office, took an even stronger stand than Burg last week when he told The Jerusalem Post: "I promise you, (Continued on Page 4)

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AMSTERDAM	15	17	63
BRUSSELS	10	18	65
BRUXELLES	13	22	66
CHICAGO	4	14	57
COPENHAGEN	5	15	59
FRANKFURT	12	19	60
GENEVA	5	14	59
HAMBURG	9	18	64
HONG KONG	19	26	73
JOHANNESBURG	12	24	76
LISBON	12	18	64
LONDON	9	18	64
MADRID	3	18	64
MONTREAL	5	11	52
NEW YORK	11	14	57
OSLO	5	14	57
PARIS	10	18	64
ROME	11	19	66
SAO PAULO	12	20	76
STOCKHOLM	9	17	64
TOKYO	15	22	73
TORONTO	7	18	64
ZURICH	10	18	64

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, slightly warmer.
Outlook for Independence Day: Same.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	38	10-21	22
Golan	48	11-21	22
Nahariya	52	11-19	20
Safed	73	17-22	23
Haifa Port	73	17-22	23
Tiberias	62	16-22	23
Nazareth	40	13-22	23
Afula	47	17-24	26
Shomron	39	12-23	24
Tel Aviv	69	17-21	22
B-G Airport	54	16-21	20
Jericho	33	16-31	31
Gaza	75	18-22	22
Beersheba	28	14-26	27
Eilat	18	18-31	33

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog on Friday received the members of the First North American Wizo Mission to the President of the State of Israel, accompanied by World Wizo President Raya Jaglom and World Wizo Executive Chairman Michal Modai.

British author Terence Prittie will lecture on "Israel and Britain today" on May 8 at 8 p.m. at the International Christian Embassy, 10 Rehov Brenner, Jerusalem. The public is invited.

ARRIVALS

Greenville, Janette, Labour MP, a leader of Britain's Jewish community, to receive an honorary doctorate from Haifa University on Tuesday.

\$27,000 for sexually harassed woman

NEW YORK (AP). - A hotel company was ordered Friday to pay \$27,000 in back pay and damages to an employee who said the firm's president sexually harassed her for 18 months and finally fired her when she resisted his advances.

The New York City Commission on Human Rights determined that H. Shiff Israel Leading Hotels Inc. and its president, Erez Turin, had violated the city human-rights law by sexually harassing Zippora Marom.

The company, located in Manhattan, is the New York booking agent for Shiff Hotels of Israel.

HOME NEWS

Haifa MK angry over city list allotment

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The lengthy process of choosing candidates for the Labour Party Knesset list has begun with a faint sound of rebellion coming from the party's Haifa Branch.

Labour MK Shevah Weiss of Haifa says he will take action to increase his city's representation on the list. The Haifa branch is allotted only two places for local party figures.

Weiss said last night that Haifa has contributed more votes for Labour than any other city. According to Weiss, while Tel Aviv and Jerusalem representation is greater, the number of voters they contribute to the Alignment is considerably smaller.

The Haifa branch is to choose its candidates on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Labour's kibbutz movement, considered one of the Party's major branches, argues that four candidates from each of its two components, Ihud and Meuhad, should have a chance at a safe spot on the party's Knesset list. In the present Knesset, the kibbutz movement has four MKs on the Labour list.

The kibbutz movement named its Knesset candidates last weekend.

The first four Ihud places were filled by MK Avraham Katz-Oz of Nahal Oz, MK Nahman Raz of Geva, Avidor Yisrael of Kfar Hanassi, and Debbi Helman of Yotvata.

Meuhad's first four candidates are MK Ya'acov Tzur of Netiv

Halamed-Heh, MK Edna Solidor of Geshor, Yeshayahu Perry of Mahanayim, and Moshe Ben-Zvi of Neveh Ur.

The Jerusalem party branch has renominated MKs Uri Baram and Ya'acov Gil. The North Tel Aviv branch has resubmitted the name of MK Micha Harish, while the Sharon branch has again nominated MK Yehuda Hashai.

The names submitted by Labour Party branches in theory make up half the party's Knesset list. A small appointments committee, composed of party leaders and a handful of Labour power brokers, will provide the other half.

The appointments committee, however, assigns the placement for all the nominees. In previous election campaigns, branch candidates were often ranked in unsafe places.

Rapid punishment for electoral offenders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Persons who illegally post election materials will be brought to trial rapidly. This was decided upon in Jerusalem yesterday at a meeting of the Central Elections Committee attended by police officials, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir and the director-general of the Interior Ministry, Haim Kubersky.

The committee spokesman reported that 22 requests have so far been received for the official form on which a candidate or faction applies for listing in the elections.

SHARON VOTE

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Kahan Commission report on the massacre in Sabra and Shatilla.

Many members who did not attend the April 12 election, expecting an easy Shamir victory, showed up this time. Thus Sharon, who won 306 votes on April 12, last week got only 88 more.

It is, however, too early to declare that Sharon's bid for the number-two place in the party has been finally blunted.

Before the 1981 elections to the last Knesset, Sharon won the most votes after Menachem Begin in the first round, and Levy was eighth. But in the second, decisive round, Levy came second to Begin and Sharon finished sixth.

The important effect of last week's vote is more in Sharon's failure to pack the Herut Knesset list with his candidates.

Some of the Sharon men are "very good people," according to a senior

source in the Shamir camp. They lost because the supporters of the other camps decided to regard a vote for them as support for Sharon, he added.

Another surprise was Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's showing versus that of his predecessor, Yoram Aridor.

Aridor came out third with 469 votes, while Cohen-Orgad trailed in seventh place with 421 votes.

The incumbent finance minister has been strongly criticized in the central committee for his policies, and there seemed to be some longing for the days of Aridor.

Cohen-Orgad shrugged off the results. "So what?" he said to this reporter when asked for his reaction.

"That's why we didn't develop a primitive system depending only on the number of people who want me in the Knesset, but a system where the placing (due this Wednesday) counts."

UNDERGROUND

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up the details of the cases. Indictments are due within the next two weeks.

Reconstructions of the terror attack on the Islamic University of Hebron, the Kalandia-Arator bus bombing attempt, and the attempted bombing of a mosque in Hebron were completed last Friday morning.

Now investigators are trying to get written confessions from several suspects who have confessed orally to the West Bank mayors case.

Most arrests are expected in that case, which involves three bombings

that crippled two West Bank mayors and blinded a Border Police sapper.

Among those the police may question is a high-ranking reserve officer currently abroad.

Investigators are also trying to determine to what extent certain people not directly involved in the conspiracy were aware of it.

Meanwhile, the consultations with the attorney-general's office and with district prosecutors have forced investigators to press harder for the evidence they will need to bring suspects to trial in the mayors case.

Although they have oral confessions from at least two suspects, investigators believe that at least 10 people were involved in that attempt, which was originally planned to strike at targets other than just the mayors of Nablus, El Bira and Ramallah.

Ban on unapproved school research

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Education Ministry last week issued an order banning unauthorized research in schools or kindergartens. Ministry legal adviser Arye Brik said that the directive came in response to a number of recent instances in which research was carried out in public schools without official approval.

According to the order, all persons wishing to do research concerning pupils must first receive permission from the Education Ministry, and only when such an application is approved may the research be carried out.

Brik said that criteria for granting permits will include the practicability of the research, the methodology, and the manner in which results are to be evaluated.

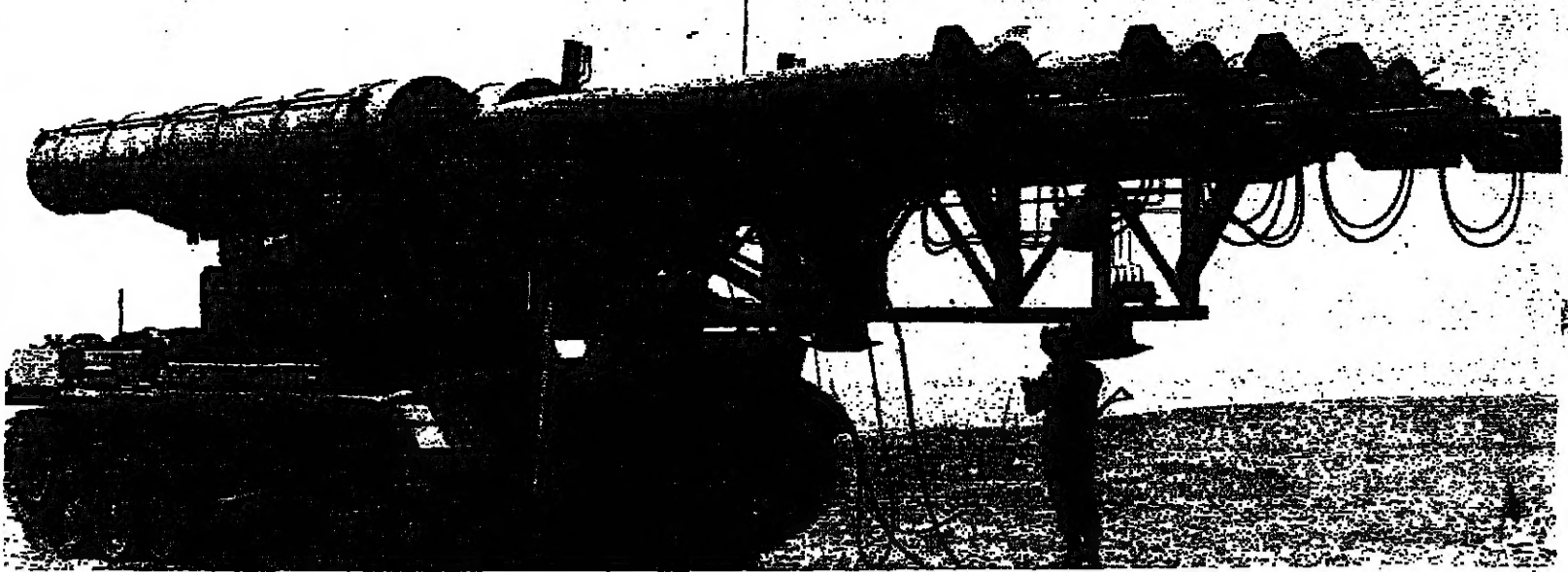
The ministry has notified the faculties of all universities and research institutes of the new policy.

Kfar Sava willing to add religious school

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A spokesman for the Kfar Sava municipality said on Friday that the city is willing to set up a religious high school together with the neighbouring towns of Hod Hasharon and Ra'anana, but claimed that the Education Ministry has not yet taken the necessary steps to get the plan off the ground.

Some 340 pupils of Kfar Sava's Harel junior (religious) high school closed the school on Thursday and marched on the town hall to protest the decision of Mayor Yitzhak Wald not to open a religious high school in the town.



The IDF's new multiple rocket launcher, mounted on the chassis of a Centurion tank.

A decade of memories for the defenders of the Bar-Lev Line

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The men gathering in the Jerusalem Peace Forest this morning will be looking past the memorial and the young trees towards the Old City in the distance, but they will be seeing sand and bunkers and a narrow strip of water hundreds of kilometres away.

They are veterans of the battalion which was manning the Bar-Lev Line the day the Egyptians crossed the Suez Canal in the opening hours of the Yom Kippur War.

Almost none belongs to the battalion today: they have moved on to other units or out of active reserve duty altogether. But every Remembrance Day for the past decade they gather in Jerusalem - for the battalion was part of the Jerusalem Brigade - to be together again and to remember their 64 comrades who died in that battle.

The trauma of that occasion has created a sense of mutual responsibility among the men in the unit that is exceptional even in the Israeli army. Raising money among themselves and from friends, members of the unit have every year organized a

week-long summer vacation together for the families of the fallen. "It's for the widows and children and parents of those who fell," says Hanan Gurel, one of the principal organizers. "About 80 per cent come." In addition, there is an annual hike.

"It's important, because it tells the families that their men haven't been forgotten by their friends."

The battalion, which descended to the Suez Canal two weeks before the war, held 14 of the manned fortifications on the Bar-Lev Line with Nahal soldiers manning two others. The average age in the battalion was about 30 and war seemed a distant prospect.

When it came, some of the fortifications were virtually wiped out. In some, the defenders managed to infiltrate through the Egyptian lines to safety. In others, about half were killed and half taken prisoner. In addition to the 64 killed, an identical number was taken into captivity for three months.

Gurel, a Jerusalem insurance agent, was serving as battalion adjutant and it was upon him that much of the responsibility fell for dealing

with the families of those who did not come back when the battalion survivors were returned to Jerusalem a few days later. The families wanted to know if their men were dead or prisoners.

"It would have been about a month before the army would have been able to begin dealing with them. But we decided to do it ourselves." Gathering foreign film clips and news photographs of Israeli prisoners, the unofficial committee that formed attempted to identify members of the battalion, blowing up the still photographs and going through the film at slow speed. Money was raised from among the men and their friends to help families meet their immediate needs. Consulting with psychologists, the men attempted to help the families of their comrades live with the idea of not knowing whether their loved ones were alive or dead.

The unit was transferred to the lower Jordan Valley and from this locale Gurel and a few associates maintained a constant round of contacts with the families of the missing, which continued even after the army

began dealing with the families' problems. "The army provides service and money, but we felt it was important, especially for the kids, that there be a connecting link to their father, an address."

Gurel and his comrades formed a non-profit association for maintaining contact with the families and with each other. A memorial was built in the forest below Government House consisting of six large concrete cubes with the names of the fortifications - including Budapest, the only one that did not fall - the names of the fallen men, and quotations from men during and after the battle, most from a remarkable tape recording made at the height of the fighting.

In the decade that has passed, some of the widows have remarried and the children have grown. But the battalion of men, meeting last week, decided that the need for sharing experience with others who have passed through the same crisis has not diminished.

"We decided to continue our work," says Gurel, "as long as there is a need."

Herzog concerned by terror network

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"A person who can try to kill another because he is of a different nationality can decide tomorrow to kill someone because he has a different opinion," President Chaim Herzog said in a radio interview on Friday evening in discussing the seriousness of the underground acts against Arabs attributed to Jewish detainees.

"It is dangerous because it is rebellion against the state and it questions the authority of the government," Herzog said.

He stressed that the detainees should be viewed as individuals awaiting trial and that fingers should not be pointed at any group or organization, and certainly not at all the settlers. He said he is glad, however, that some groups feel the need to engage in soul-searching in view of what has happened.

"The fact that such things can happen also raises questions about our educational system," he said. "We might well ask if, enough, is being done to educate toward tolerance, respect for others and fair debate."

Two killed, 5 hurt in head-on crash

IRON VALLEY (Itim). - Two persons were killed and five injured, three of them seriously, in a head-on collision early Friday morning on the Iron-Megiddo road. The accident involved a pickup truck and a car.

In another crash before dawn on Friday, four persons were badly hurt on the Mishmar Hanegev road west of Beersheba when their car over-

turned. The wife of the driver was listed in grave condition at Soroka Hospital.

A total of nine persons were killed and 60 seriously injured in 55 accidents throughout the country last week. Seven of the fatalities and 46 of the injured were pedestrians, including three minors killed and 24 injured.

Ein Hilwe militiaman slain by gunman

BEIRUT (AP). - A Palestinian who headed an Israeli-backed militia was shot to death on Friday in the Ein Hilwe refugee camp in Sidon, police said.

Two men on a motorcycle shot the man, identified only by the code name Abu Sultan, with a silencer-equipped pistol, and then sped off. Lebanese reporters quoted wit-

nesses as saying that Israeli forces sealed off the Palestinian refugee camp on the edge of Sidon, 40 kilometres south of Beirut, and would not allow anyone in or out. IDF spokesman said he had no information on any such incident.

The victim was described as head of a militia set up by the Israelis called the National Guard.

Security forces probing W. Bank arson attacks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces in the West Bank are investigating a spate of recent arson attacks on vehicles belonging to local residents most of whom are regarded as moderate or as pro-Jordanian figures.

Most of the attacks occurred in the Beit Sahur-Bethlehem area over the past two months. Local sources and the military authorities have said

that the attacks are part of a campaign to intimidate people supporting the dialogue between PLO leader Yasser Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan.

Many of the attacks have been directed against members of a West Bank delegation which went to Amman during Arafat's last visit there to urge him to reach a compromise with the king.

Beirut to cut ties with Costa Rica

BEIRUT (AFP). - Beirut intends to sever diplomatic ties with Costa Rica for having moved its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a Foreign Ministry source reported on Friday.

The ministry has drafted a proposal to this effect and is to submit it to the next session of the cabinet.

The source said that this step follows last month's call by the Jerusalem Committee of the Islamic Conference Organization. The com-

mittee called on all Islamic countries to break ties with any country that moves its embassy to Jerusalem. He said it is also in keeping with a similar call on Arab states issued at the 1983 Fez summit conference.

CEAUSESCU. - Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu is to visit Syria at the invitation of President Hafez Assad, Rumania's state-run news agency reported Friday.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

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held at Kikar Abarim, and video films of New Wave groups will be shown on a giant screen.

At 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, Mayor Shlomo Lahat will hold a reception for Tel Aviv residents in the foyer of the municipal building at Kikar Malchei Yisrael. The day's festivities will conclude tomorrow night with another round of entertainment on Rehov Dizengoff, which will again be closed to traffic. The entertainment will include puppet shows, children's entertainment and music and dance performances.

In Haifa tonight, there will be a fireworks display on the slopes of Mount Carmel at 8:30 p.m. Many

parts of the city, including the port, will be illuminated.

Tomorrow, residents of Kiryat Sprinzak are to mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the quarter with a day-long celebration in the Eli Cohen park.

The army will hold its traditional open house for the public at the Kurani, Julis, Neveh Ya'acov, Natan and Pelugot army camps, at Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat naval bases, at defence plants at Lod, Ashdod, Ma'lot, Haifa and Mishor Adumim, and at a number of Nahal settlements and depots. Defence establishment films will be shown in major cities and towns, and there will be parachute jumps at Ashdod, Herzliya and Nahariya.

Employers still unhappy with C-o-L proposals

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Progress but no breakthrough was reported after another round of wage talks on Friday between the Histadrut and private employers.

There are still problems with the rate and frequency of payment of the cost-of-living increment. The Histadrut is urging that the increment be paid monthly at a rate of not less than 80 per cent, while the employers do not want to be tied down to a fixed monthly increase.

The two sides are negotiating a new two-year deal, to replace the agreement which expired in March. The Histadrut would like to sign a new agreement by the 15th of this month, when the April consumer price index is released.

French PM hospitalized

PARIS (AP). - Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy was hospitalized Friday for what a hospital spokesman said was an undetermined lung infection.

"Examinations are under way and treatment has been started," said a spokesman at the Val-de-Grace military hospital, where the 55-year-old Socialist politician was admitted early Friday.

No injuries or damage in Beersheba jail blast

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - A bomb was thrown from a cell of Beersheba Prison towards a guard on duty on Friday afternoon, but there was no damage and no one was hurt.

Police are investigating the nature of the explosive and trying to determine who threw it.

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WORLD NEWS

Soviet gains worry rebels in northern Afghan valley

NEW DELHI (AP). — Soviet and Afghan forces have seized control of a large part of Afghanistan's strategic Panjshir Valley, a rebel stronghold since 1979, but fighting there continues, a senior Afghan government source said on Friday.

Rebel leaders claimed Friday to have captured and killed a Soviet general. They acknowledged concern about the Soviet offensive in the valley, but said they had halted the advance of Soviet troops. They accused the Soviets of using chemical weapons.

"The seizure of the Panjshir is a major success for the Soviets, but their control of the gorge is very fragile," said the Afghan source, who has been accurate in the past. "We feel the real battle has yet to start."

"Hundreds of people, mostly civilians and insurgents, have died in the fighting," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said by telephone.

Afghanistan's official Radio Kabul claimed in a report monitored here Friday that the rebels in the valley had been routed.

The 160-km. long Panjshir, north of Kabul, the capital, controls vital supply routes. The Soviet offensive, considered the largest of the Afghan war, is the seventh against the valley since the Soviets entered Afghanistan in 1979 to support the Marxist regime.

In a statement issued from Paris, Homayoun Madjrouh, European representative of the United Afghan Resistance, claimed that 700 Soviet and Afghan troops had been killed by Moslem rebels in the Panjshir and Shimali areas.

He said a helicopter and a plane had been shot down, 250 government troops had been killed on the Salang Pass and 80 others, including 13 officers, had been taken prisoner.

An unidentified Soviet general was captured in a guerrilla ambush north of the Panjshir in early April and slain by the rebels after Soviet troops launched a rescue attempt, Madjrouh said.

Madjrouh said 94 guerrillas and other Soviet captives were later killed, including a top guerrilla commander, Maj. Muhammad Rahimullah. Soviet forces also killed women and children, he said.

Greek premier seeks dialogue with Turkey about Cyprus

SALONIKA. — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu urged Turkey yesterday to seek peaceful solutions to disputes between the two countries.

He said a dialogue between the two peoples aimed at resolving differences should start with peaceful gestures and deeds from the Turkish side.

Addressing a mass rally to launch his Panhellenic Socialist Movement's campaign for European Parliament elections on June 17, Papandreu said his country has no claims against Turkey but is not prepared to yield anything acquired through sacrifices by the Greek people.

"We can live in peace with the Turkish people. Only peace suits the two peoples," he said. "Let them (the Turks) clarify things with concrete peaceful deeds and not with false peaceful words which are offered with an armed hand and accompanied by provocative acts."

Relations between Greece and Turkey, both NATO members, are strained over territorial rights in the Aegean Sea, the Cyprus issue and the status of minorities in both countries.

Soviets: Sakharov's wife sought U.S. Embassy refuge

MOSCOW (AP). — Authorities said Friday they had foiled a "plan" to give dissident Andrei Sakharov's wife, Yelena Bonner, refuge in the U.S. Embassy and get her out papers. Police blocked her apartment and a friend said she had not been seen after promising to be in Moscow on Wednesday.

The U.S. Embassy dismissed the Soviet charges as "wholly unfounded."

Police have made it steadily more difficult for Bonner to meet with Westerners, and the charges and attacks issued Friday by the official news agency Tass might have been intended as part of an effort to cut off her contacts.

Tass charged that Bonner planned to flee into the U.S. Embassy and take asylum there while her husband went on his second hunger strike.

Sakharov and his wife fasted for 18 days in December 1981, a protest that led to authorities allowing their daughter-in-law to join her husband in the U.S.

Bonner did not appear to be in touch with her Moscow friends, and a Western diplomat who frequently meets with Bonner said they did not know if she was in the capital.

A police officer stationed outside Bonner's apartment house indicated she was at home. But her friend, who asked not to be identified, said the apartment was still empty as of late Thursday.

Bonner sent a telegram promising to be in Moscow on Wednesday, the friend said. She "always" has kept such promises in the years since Sakharov was sent to Gorky, but she did not appear, the friend said.

Tories hurt in local ballot as both left and centre gain

LONDON (AP). — Britain's opposition Labour Party claimed on Friday that its widespread victories in local elections had dealt a "catastrophic" blow to the ruling Conservative Party.

The Tories were smarting under defeats inflicted by the left and centre-right. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher shrugged off the Conservative loss of 14 towns and cities, and its stashed majorities in two former parliamentary strongholds.

"Excellent. We won," Thatcher said, brushing off the slim margins by which the Conservatives held onto parliamentary districts in southwest Surrey and Stafford. These traditional bastions of Tory strength suffered deep inroads by the centrist Social Democratic-Liberal Party alliance.

Labour firmly retained Cynon Valley, a Socialist stronghold in the Welsh mining area, in the third of three special parliamentary elections held after legislators' deaths.

The Conservatives' most stunning loss was the industrial city of Birmingham, which fell to Labour.

Other losses for the ruling party included the port of Southampton, the Scottish capital of Edinburgh, and Cheltenham, where Thatcher stirred a conflict with organized labour in February by banning labour unions at the top-secret government communications headquarters.

A BBC computer analysis of Thursday's local elections and the special parliamentary ballots showed a 9 per cent swing to Labour since last June's general election, when Thatcher won a second five-year term by a landslide.

Cosmonauts take another walk in space

MOSCOW (AP). — Two cosmonauts stepped into space on Friday for the fourth time in 12 days to repair the engine systems of the orbiting Salyut-7 space station, the news agency Tass reported.

Flight commander Leonid Kizim and engineer Vladimir Solovov spent two hours and 45 minutes on the latest phase on the repair job, while Oleg Atkov monitored their work from inside the space station.

Tass said.

In the past 12 days, the agency said, the two men have spent a total of 14 hours and 45 minutes in space during four separate walks. Tass said open-space operations would continue but did not give any other details.

The three-man crew has been in space for 86 days. There has been no word on how long the mission will last.

UK expels more Libyans, denies it hid guns in Tripoli

LONDON (AP). — Britain expelled two more Libyans on Friday while strongly denying a Libyan claim that weapons were found in the former British Embassy in Tripoli.

One of the deportees was identified in British press reports as a Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi's new revolutionary student chief in Britain, following the expulsion of the Libyan Embassy staff.

The so-called "revolutionary students" are believed to be behind a campaign to eliminate Gaddafi's enemies in exile in Europe and the U.S.

Richard Luce, the Foreign Office undersecretary for Middle East affairs, dismissed as "totally and utterly unfounded" Libya's claim that weapons were stored in the former British Embassy in Tripoli.

British officials took the charge as a tit-for-tat gesture following Scotland Yard's reported discovery of weapons in the former Libyan Embassy in London.

The Italian ambassador to Libya, Alessandro Quarani, who is looking after British interests there, said his country's observers witnessed the weapons discovery.

"Our assumption is that the pistols, and the ammunition were planted in their (the Italians') absence," said Luce.

But Quarani said that would have been "very difficult."

Jana, Libya's state-controlled news agency, said the Libyans forced open a safe and found five pistols, ammunition, gas masks and "about 20 canisters containing what was believed to be poison or nerve gas."

Meanwhile, in Manchester, a court ordered three Libyan students remanded in custody on a bombing charge. Streets around the court-house were sealed as the Libyans arrived with a heavy police escort. The three have been charged with causing a March 11 blast that injured a Syrian woman and her child. Their request for bail was refused.

Rebels blackout part of Salvador on eve of ballot

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Dynamite attacks by leftist guerrillas blacked out eastern El Salvador and rebel threats to mine highways paralyzed traffic in the area yesterday. But officials said the attacks would not disrupt today's presidential election.

Eight government soldiers were reported killed and at least 12 wounded in scattered fighting between government troops and guerrillas. There were no immediate reports of rebel casualties.

In today's runoff, voters will choose between moderate Christian Democrat Jose Napoleon Duarte, who advocates national reconciliation, and ultra-rightist Roberto D'Aubuisson of the Republican Nationalist Alliance, who wants to crush the rebels.

Usulután, San Vicente, San Miguel, La Unión and Morazan provinces were blacked out at 4:30 a.m. when rebels dynamited a string of main power lines.

An estimated 1.5 million people were left without electricity, running water, sewage and other public services.

Trucking companies and bus lines said they had suspended all service in the eastern third of the country after the guerrillas' clandestine Radio Venceremos announced in a broadcast on Friday that they were mining the Pan American and the coastal highways, the two major roads leading east.

Hindu-Moslem riots in India claim six dead, 200 hurt

NEW DELHI (AP). — At least six people were killed and 200 injured in continuing Hindu-Moslem rioting and arson in the southern Indian city of Hubli, authorities said yesterday.

The Karnataka state government rushed armed police reinforcements and reimposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Hubli after Moslems and Hindus fought street battles for the second straight day, officials said.

City police chief Subhash Bharni said 185 people so far had been arrested on charges of rioting and arson.

About two dozen homes, 10 shops, eight police vehicles and several trucks and cars were burned by rioters, the official said.

Widespread violence flared in the town on Friday after a Hindu religious procession was reported attacked with rocks by Moslems.

In the Punjab yesterday, jeep-riding Sikh terrorists in Amritsar, over 1,000 km. to the north, sprayed bullets on a crowded truck and Indian security forces lifted a five-day siege of a Sikh temple outside the sacred city.

One unidentified person was killed and another seriously wounded late Friday in a terrorist attack on a truck near the city of Sangrur.

Meanwhile, a 14-year-old girl, wounded during the assassination of her father, a retired Amritsar police superintendent, died in hospital yesterday. Bachan Singh, the former police official, and his wife and bodyguard were killed in a daylight ambush on a busy Amritsar street last Monday.

Pope tells Korean workers to struggle for their rights

PUSAN, South Korea (AP). — Pope John Paul II yesterday urged workers in the largest crowd on his Korean tour to seek more power and profits, declaring that all deserve "a just wage" and better access to goods produced by their labour.

Earlier, shouts of "miracle" greeted the pope when a rainbow-like phenomenon appeared over a rally. A meteorologist said the effect sometimes occurs in hazy, humid weather.

The pope returned later to Seoul, where he told about 800 Roman Catholic educators, lawyers, scientists and artists at Jesuit-run Sogang University that Christians should speak out against threats such as "pollution, genetic manipulation and the suppression of unborn life."

Sogang is the site of recent demonstrations by students demanding democratic reforms. Students were barred from the campus yesterday and strict security was in effect for the pope's appearance there.

At Seoul's Korea University, students clashed with police for a third day yesterday. The protests were apparently unrelated to the pope's visit.

The pope's message on labour — one of his strongest ever — was delivered to a crowd estimated by church officials at 300,000.

Farmers, factory workers and fishermen made up most of the throng at an abandoned airport outside this southern port city. Pusan, with 3.7 million people, is South Korea's second-largest city.

Vietnam claims many Chinese killed

BANGKOK (AP). — Vietnam said yesterday that its border forces on Thursday repulsed a Chinese attack on the northern border province of Ha Tuyen, killing "many" Chinese troops and seizing numerous weapons.

The official Vietnam New Agency (VNA) said Vietnamese forces also destroyed two 82-mm. mortars and a recoilless gun in beating back the Chinese invasion of Minh Tan village in Ha Tuyen.

In a report monitored in Bangkok, VNA also said Vietnamese gunners on Tuesday shelled "Chinese land-grabbers," killing 50 of the Chinese troops, setting afire two military vehicles and "repulsing many nibbling attacks" by enemy forces.

On Friday VNA had reported that hundreds of Chinese troops have been killed, wounded or captured last week as local armed forces and people fought back Chinese troops intruding into several areas of Ha Tuyen.

ARAFAT CALL

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against civilian targets, and dissociated himself from recent terrorist attacks in Jerusalem, which he attributed to splinter groups within the PLO.

"I am not the spokesman of the organizations which claimed responsibility for these operations," he said. "I am the chairman of the PLO."

But Arafat said the terrorist attacks were a reaction to "state terrorism practised against us by Israel."

"Jerusalem was a reply to Sabra and Shatila," he said, referring to the massacres in Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut. "Extremist violence causes extremist counter-violence."

After his talks in Jordan, Arafat flew to Peking, where yesterday he received a 19-gun salute normally reserved for heads of government.

In a ceremony almost identical to that given U.S. President Ronald Reagan 10 days ago, Premier Zhao Ziyang stood at attention with the PLO leader as national anthems were played.

After a two-hour meeting between the two men, China endorsed Arafat's leadership of the PLO and welcomed moves to heal the rift in its ranks. Arafat is due to see China's top leader Deng Xiaoping tomorrow, Chinese officials said.

In Riyadh, meanwhile, a prominent Palestinian was quoted as saying that the PLO and Jordan have agreed on a "confederation" to be established when an independent Palestinian state is set up.

Mahmoud Abbas, known as Abu Mazen, also said that Arafat and his lieutenants are ready for "reconciliation" with Syria provided Damascus acknowledges the right of the PLO to independent decision-making.

20,000 evacuated from Philadelphia blaze

PHILADELPHIA (Reuters). — Sparks from a welder's torch caused a fire that raged out of control for three hours in central Philadelphia on Thursday, forcing the evacuation of over 20,000 people from 13 buildings and two giant shopping malls.

Two firefighters and two civilians were injured in what fire officials said was the worst blaze in the city in living memory. Debris from the burning buildings rained down on the streets, causing four parked cars to explode.

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Anti-Cuban terror suspect gets 4 years prison

NEW YORK (AP). — A man allegedly involved in a failed attempt to murder the Cuban ambassador to the U.N. has received a four-year prison term for failing to testify before a grand jury about the Omega 7 terrorist group.

Andres Garcia, 44, is a suspected member of the anti-Castro group, which U.S. District Judge John Sprizzo said is unwelcome in the U.S. although it might be "well-motivated politically."

"It's almost like being a soldier," the judge said before handing down the sentence on Friday. "There are consequences that go with it. I don't think it's my position to quarrel with or condemn his political objectives."

A federal prosecutor told the judge of evidence that Garcia was a participant in the failed March 1980 attempt to murder Cuban UN Ambassador Raul Roa.

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Residents of Dimona and Arad (Mitzpe Ramon is a very isolated town) have become increasingly militant in recent years. Dimona has been the group's capital since 1969, when 39 Black Hebrews arrived in Israel from Liberia and were sent to the small development town by Interior Ministry officials. The inhabi-

The group's ranks swelled, as many Black-Hebrews arrived under

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But he is perturbed by the standard of Israeli education in the exact sciences and the drop in the number

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"Everyone passes the buck," Amir told *The Post*. "Dimona alone came to grips with the problem. From a humanitarian point of view, we solved their physical problem but we cannot solve the problem of their legal status."

Eli Hilleli, the recently-elected young mayor of Dimona, never believed the solution to be simply one of housing, telling *The Post*: "I was opposed to this move because I felt that this was a way of perpe-

"I'm going to ask all the political parties to promise to do something to solve the problem once and for all after the elections - and not at Dimona's expense. The matter will not be allowed to rest; it will be high on the agenda all the time. I promise you."

Ministry was happy with the wait-and-see *status quo* that developed over the years. Yehoshua Kahana, who recently inherited the 15-year-old Black Hebrew problem along with the job of deputy director of the ministry, said: "We have not, do not and will not agree to any *status quo* on this issue."

ASIDE FROM the fact that the Black Hebrews are in Israel illegally,

He also criticizes the government for not having national priorities. The allocation of grants, he suggests, could be geared to fields of national importance. Incentives could be offered to attract students to certain fields.

Eventually, he believes, there will have to be some sort of committee to set the framework for science. The committee should be composed of people from all fields and disciplines – “the decision should certainly not be left to the scientists alone” – and should determine what is to be done with the fruits of scientific research.”

"If we are successful in building our country properly," he says, "it could be of enormous importance for the world at large. Many countries have modern technology, but they need our leadership in moral values. The Jewish people can contribute a lot."

The question of racism naturally arises, but the report of the Israel Mission of the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee (BASIC, headed by Bayard Rustin) exonerates Israel on this count. Published in 1981, the report says: "From all the evidence we have heard, including that of the party directly involved, we conclude that official racism plays no part in this agonizing problem."

"They originally went to Liberia to escape from their physical and economic hardships in the U.S.," said Kahana. "When the authorities there found out who and what they are, they — as a black African nation — never feared that they would be accused of racism and the community was expelled from Liberia."

The community at first claimed to be Jewish, but the High Court in Jerusalem ruled otherwise. So, instead of arriving under the auspices of the Law of Return, they arrived under cover. "They knew we were sensitive to charges of racism," said Kahana. "There is no denying that what we do here against blacks may result in problems for Jews in the U.S. from blacks there."

Also, said Kahana, (and this is supported by the testimony of defectors from the cult) Ben-Ami Carter is responsible for the community's finances; all monies go to him. He decides who marries whom and when marriages must be dissolved, he metes out punishments of varying severity to those who disobey him. He is a self-appointed healer and educator. He also claims to be the Messiah, and blacks to be the true Israelites.

"We cannot agree to these things in Israel," said Kahane, and the group as a group cannot remain in this country."

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MORE THAN any of her previous collections, Dorin Frankfurt's spring '84 line is an intensely personal statement, made by a thoughtful designer and committed Israeli, about style, colour, texture and quality of life.

Dorin's clothes have always been at once: bright, fun, elegant, eye-catching, slightly-wacky and slightly expensive. As a concession to the whims of international fashion, hemlines go up and down, silhouettes in and out. But as the men and women who regularly patronize the 33-year-old designer's Tel Aviv studio know, the end result is inevitably distinctive. Not because there is a "Dorin Frankfurt" look. There isn't. Instead, quite simply, everything Dorin creates is a synthesis between her own finely-honed instinct for what is fashion, her own ideas about what is practical, given Israel's climatic and social conditions, and her own very strong convictions about comfort, self-image and the need to be both chic and frivolous.

What makes the '84 collection so different is that for the first time, Dorin has found a way to make her ideas accessible to a larger segment of the population. Along with the exclusive studio collection, and a line of children's clothes designed in conjunction with her sister Edna, Dorin recently presented a group of journalists with three new labels — all of which are being mass-produced and mass-marketed.

Workshop, Touche, and Fashions for Austerity are the result of a uniquely Dorin vision, which has evolved over the past several years about working and living in Israel. The philosophy hypothesizes that well-designed clothes should be available to the salaried worker, and that group-design is the only economically feasible way to produce such clothes in quantity.

"Her casual 'Dorin Frankfurt Workshop' line, made from inexpensive, readily available fabrics usually slated for diapers and dish-rags, has been on the market for six months and is going great guns. Termed Hardware on the continent, and the 'Sand Dune Look' in the U.S., it was brainstormed collectively by Dorin, designers Yigal Yaffe, Nitzia Felix, graphic artist Ruth Cantor, photographer Michael Heyman and Shenkar student Nicole Siboni. Rock singer Yoshi Sadeh (from the defunct Tislim) has since replaced Siboni and added a personal touch: the diaper pants include built-in leg warmers of different textures. Diaper shirts and tunics include inserts of various types of fabric which increase the garments' overall *snark* (funny) look.

Another new edition to the Workshop is the "unrugged look," clingy dresses and skirts made of taffeta and ribbed knit.

Touche is an unsigned collection of neon T-shirts: greens and blues and turquoises, reds and oranges.



Personal best

Dorin Frankfurt's spring collection combines the chic with the frivolous, writes Joan Borsten.

The emphasis inspired by numerous trips to poor but colourful India is on bright as "during depressing times people in the West tend to dress in greys and browns." Cheap, cute, innovative and found in boutiques all over the country, there are four new designs of Touche put out a week.

Austerity is a colourful, whimsical collection of T-shirts, skirts, shirts and pants, each stamped with a symbol of the difficult '80s — dry egg recipes, ration cards, and unemployment insurance forms. At first glance, Austerity would appear to be a local version of the grey and blue Japanese workers clothes that Comme de Garcon sold like hot-cakes for \$400 each last fall in New York and Paris. Or the equally expensive Ralph Lauren "I'm an old cowhand" look, which also infatuated fashion-conscious Americans and Europeans.

The difference is that Austerity ranges in price from IS1,900-3,000

and was designed as a political statement.

"People are getting poorer and poorer," emphasized Dorin who, as soon as last fall's recession set in, began exploring foreign markets for the first time. Unlike Israel's other top designers, Dorin never before thought in terms of export. Becoming the international fashion industry's "new discovery" still doesn't interest her. What does is having enough orders to keep her staff intact and regularly paid — and that was the motivation behind her recent trip to Europe and New York. The results of the trip were promising but "it's still too early to claim results."

Dorin describes the Austerity line as her own modest offer to Israelis struggling through crazy times. "Austerity represents the cheapest clothes we could produce from sturdy fabrics. They can stand

up to heavy washing and inflation. Also, although they carry the fragrance of the past, which always seems sweeter in retrospect, they accent what is happening right now under our very noses. "Those who buy them will become walking bumper stickers, protesting the state of the economy, hopefully reminding people that pre-election fever may bring prosperity but this is still no time for festivals."

Undoubtedly it would have been more rewarding financially, and less taxing emotionally, if the designer had gone in fewer directions at once. Moderation, however, isn't what makes Dorin tick. She did say no twice to her sister Edna Shviro who after leaving Tislim offered to join the workshop and design a children's line. In the end, Dorin gave in. She doesn't regret the decision. Fashion writers gathered at Beit Lessin's lovely Upstairs Cellar applauded the Workshop's smallest component — sailor suits, orphanage dresses, poor Annie clothes, all nostalgic, fun, classic and moderately priced. Like the exclusive studio line, which can be worn year after year, Edna's clothes are sturdy enough to be passed from child to child without losing their flair.

Highlight of the fashion show was the studio collection, sold in no more than 20 boutiques around the country. This year the lines were crisp, clean and body-hugging, with deep Vs in the back. Steering clear of the oriental and Islamic influences now dominating Europe and the U.S., Dorin instead offered flamenco skirts (narrow at the top and flared at the bottom), gathered sleeves, high-waisted pants with short boleros, wide multi-coloured, hip-hugging belts. The dominant colours were whites with peach, light blues, and greyish greens, but some of the most dramatic evening wear features blacks and golds combined with silver, or white on cream.

There were lots of polka-dots and heavy embroidery. There were many dreamy studies in texture (knitted linen combined with satin or taffeta), shown as tunics and narrow, slit skirts. As usual, most of the studio line featured "forbidden" combinations of fabrics, colours and looks, the type that intimidate new clients and are adored by Dorin's regulars.

Paradoxically, Dorin's spring '84 collection, shown during an economic recession, was her largest ever. As unlikely, at a time when other designers are firing their staff, Dorin has increased hers to include Margit Segal, the energetic workaholic who now "produces" all of the lines, leaving Dorin to design and her mother Nava to manage the business.

"I don't know what it all means," conceded Dorin. "Only that it is my response to the economy and it's all selling."

No fear of flying

A handful of Israeli women pilots are proving that there is no difference in the ability of men and women in the air writes Robbie Anna Hare.



Amelia Earhart — first woman to fly across the Atlantic.

safely," states examiner Barneer, "but they'll always confess they don't enjoy them. They don't pretend to feel great after careening topsy-turvy through the sky." Absent, too, is any need to show off while flying. Recently two young men were killed here while executing "tricks" that they were too inexperienced to handle. Women, muses Barneer, would never have considered anything so dangerous and foolhardy.

The aviators themselves concede their lack of interest in aerobatics, but for many the course to becoming a licensed pilot was bumpy enough and fraught with ups and downs that a man could never manage.

Nurit Roll, a business woman from Kfar Sava, was appalled when she learned she was pregnant a few weeks before she was to take her practical exam. "I'd been flying, flying for hours and hours... I'd passed all the theory, which with two small children was no simple matter, and I was disconcerted, to say the least, by the timing. I hoped to complete everything before being grounded but unfortunately there is an international law which precluded me from taking the exams."

The Civil Aviation authorities, Barneer and Shalom Shoorrey were particularly understanding and extended the expiration on my theory until six months after the baby was born. So, when my son was two months old, I'd plant him with my mother, a babysitter or my husband (who was the best encouragement I had) — race off for a lesson, dash back, cook, mop, change diapers, shop and study. I was nursing the baby which meant virtually no sleep but I was stubborn and territorially determined not to give up."

New mothers know an exhaustion like no other — a perpetual lack of sleep, the body's readjustments and quivering nerve ends galore. How Nurit Roll coped while dealing at the same time with the furious barrage of

pressure associated with final flying exams is amazing. "I must have been a little crazy — but Rena Levinson my instructor (the only woman flight instructor in Israel) kept pushing and urging and convincing me I could do it — and I did."

Now Nurit flies for fun and says that being alone in the air is a special experience. People are surprised when they hear her hobby is flying but the most unusual reaction was from her daughter's school teacher. "At a meeting one evening, I was told that Guya, then 10, was doing well but was inclined to fantasize and tell lies. Of course it evolved that she had been telling everyone that her mother could fly and everyone, including her teacher, thought she had flipped out."

Flying for the fun of it is something women do more often than men, though Amelia Earhart, the most famous female flier, believed that the attraction of flying for every pilot, whether he or she knew it or not, lay in its "esthetic appeal." However, according to Oserovitch, only his women students have foregone part of a lesson simply to "enjoy being in the air."

Barneer believes that a woman's added interest in the world outside the cockpit is one reason she is particularly well-oriented during the exacting navigation flights. "She is able to pinpoint landmarks on the map very quickly — as if she has an overall view all the time of where she is."

For Aviva Colman, navigation is the "exhilarating culmination of everything one learns — the time when all the pieces fit." Colman, a young lawyer who recently qualified for the licence and who has undertaken the rigorous requirements of instrument rating, says she only planned to learn the basics because her husband is a private pilot. She took one lesson and was hooked. "It's like a disease — it gets into the blood."

Hava Marcus, a pilot for almost 15 years and secretary of the Israel Private Pilot's Association, got her licence because she "always dreamed she would" and says she'll fly anything that takes her into the air.

Hadass Fuhrer, an economics student at Tel Aviv University, got her licence after finishing mathematics and computers at the Hebrew University because "she had some spare time." Fuhrer was waiting for a friend at the airport and began chatting with Zviak Lind, the Yulior Aharanov pilot and an instructor. She learned that getting a licence in Israel is extremely difficult and for her the idea became a challenge. "The theory was like university so I prepared well, but of 50 students I was only one of three who passed. We were surprised — it was very tough."

Michal Sameret of Huta is a commercial photographer who is about to get her multi-engine licence. She flies too because of the "marvellous feeling." Ety Danielli is another licensed pilot because she always "wanted to be."

These pilots believe their sorority is small because many Israeli women still tend to underestimate their capabilities. But even if more women wanted to fly, getting a licence is expensive and time-consuming. Students must complete more than 100 hours of theory, and log a minimum of 50 flying hours with a flight school at around \$100 an hour for plane and instructor before taking a practical examination (about twice what is costs in the U.S.). Without a stash of ready cash, it is practically out of the question for the average Israeli — woman or man.

But economics aside, Levinson, who has been a pilot for more than 20 years — with the air force (before it became exclusively male) and privately — emphasizes that there is no reason why women can't fly. There is no difference in the ability of men and women in the air, and "Tarzan strength" is not necessary, she says. "Okay, sometimes we can't release the cap from the oil tank because some muscleman made it too tight, but that's not a big deal... the fellows at the airport willingly oblige — they like and admire women pilots."

Amy Johnson, a British aviator who had a "loathing of the ordinary of the conventional" and set about proving it by being the first woman to fly solo to Australia in 1930, said after her historic flight that she did not want it to be unusual for women to do things, but for it to be recognized naturally that women could. In Israel, for a handful of women pilots at least, that appears to be so.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Betar cling precariously to their lead

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With three matches remaining until the end of the league season, the National League championship yesterday became effectively a dramatic two-team race between Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Haifa.

Betar were not at their best but eventually beat cell-dwelling Maccabi Yavne with two second half goals, whilst an impressive Maccabi Haifa clinched a fine 3-1 away win over Maccabi Jaffa already in the first half.

Betar now lead the Haifa club by two points, but appear to have the more difficult run-in to the end of the season. Betar play away to Bnei Yehuda and Shimonson and at home to Hapoel Tel Aviv, whilst Haifa play at home to Maccabi Petah Tikva and Ramat Amichai and away at Yehud.

At the other end of the table the three bottom teams before yesterday's kick off all won their matches, throwing the relegation struggle wide open. Bnei Yehuda inflicted a 1-0 defeat upon Hapoel Tel Aviv — ending their title hopes. This was Hapoel's second defeat to bottom of the table clubs within eight days. Luis Chama, an immigrant from Argentina, scored the Bnei Yehuda winner in the 19th minute. Yehud came from behind to beat Maccabi Netanya, and Ramat Amichai scored an 84th minute winner against Hapoel Beersheba, through Shlomo Malka.

The faithful at the YMCA ground were given 54 minutes of torment as Yavne came in that Maccabi Haifa were running away with their game in Jaffa. By then Betar were disappointing, rarely endangering the Yavne goal. While Yossi Mizrahi in the leaders' goal had to produce two sterling saves to keep the score sheet clean at half-time. Indeed, for two precious minutes a crescendo of silence enveloped the ground as Haifa went three-up against Jaffa.



NOT THIS TIME. — Yavne's Freddy Lasser denies Eli Ohana but the Jerusalem sharpshooter eventually got his reward with a snap goal.

and had climbed, as things stood, to be level with Betar.

Then just when Betar's tender hold on the top position in the league, which they have retained steadfastly through 16 rounds, seemed about to crumble, salvation arrived. The ever-opportunist Eli Ohana broke the deadlock. The determined Yavne defence effort faltered when Youssef Elcabaci committed a fatal error, and misused his header off a Yossi Avrahami cross. The ball landed at Ohana's feet and from five metres out he doesn't miss. Freddy Lasser, until then a beacon of light in the Yavne goal, had no chance with the scorching shot and the powerful silence broke up in pandemonium.

As Yavne pressed hard for an equalizer, Betar broke out of defence with a wizardly 60 metre run from Uri Maimon which seemed all clear to score himself. Selfless as ever he passed to the better-placed Nahum Tashma who hammered home. The Yavne players appealed earnestly for offside — from the stands Tashma did seem a good metre away — but referee Ovadia Ben Itshak, who had an erratic outing all along, stood the assault and the goal remained.

Zahi Arneli scored his 10th goal

for Maccabi Haifa in heading home a pass from Ronnie Rosenthal in the 11th minute. It was Arneli's forceful leadership in the Haifa attack that gave them the stamp of champions. Goals followed from Zedek Malka from a Baruch Naman pass with Zion Maril making it 3-0 from the penalty spot in the 55th minute. Jaffa's Elisha Chiprut reduced the Haifa lead in the 62nd minute, after the visitors adopted safety-first measures, enabling Jaffa to get back into the game.

Bnei Yehuda's Shalom Rockman showed up after four months on the Yehud bench and was brought on in the second half. Inevitably, he was involved in both his team's goals, after Shalom Tikva had scored for Maccabi Netanya in the 5th minute. Kibbutz Hagan Roman levelled in the 46th minute and it was a perfect Rockman cross that enabled Yehuda Dugich to score the valuable Yehud winner a quarter hour from the end.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Hapoel Tel Aviv 0, Bnei Yehuda 1
Maccabi Haifa 3, Maccabi Jaffa 1
Bnei Yehuda 1, Hapoel Beersheba 0
Yehud 2, Maccabi Netanya 1
Maccabi Petah Tikva 0, Hapoel Lod 0
Maccabi Jaffa 1, Maccabi Haifa 3
Maccabi Haifa 2, Maccabi Yavne 0

Standings, after 27 Games:

	W	D	L	Pts
1. Betar	13	11	3	36
2. Haifa	12	9	5	33
3. Hapoel	10	11	6	31
4. Netanya	10	8	9	28
5. Yehud	8	11	8	29
6. Maccabi	8	12	7	28
7. Beersheba	7	10	10	26
8. Shimonson	6	11	10	23
9. Hapoel	6	12	9	24
10. Yehud	7	10	10	26
11. Yehud	7	10	10	26
12. Bnei Yehuda	7	10	10	26
13. Jaffa	6	13	8	25
14. Ramat	6	13	8	25
15. Yavne	7	10	10	26
16. Lod	7	12	8	26

SECOND DIVISION

Holon 0, Hapoel Jerusalem 1	Bnei Yehuda 0, Kiryat Shmonah 1
Bnei Yehuda 0, Hapoel Petah Tikva 1	Ramat Amichai 3, Hapoel Ramat Gan 1
Hapoel Hadera 0, Hapoel Ramat Gan 1	Hapoel Hadera 0, Hapoel Ramat Gan 1
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DIVISION 1

Birmingham 0, Liverpool 0	Coventry 2, Luton 2
Everton 1, Manchester United 1	Sheff Wed 1, Arsenal 3
Leicester 2, Notts Forest 1	Notts County 0, QPR 3
Stoke 1, Southampton 1	Tottenham 2, Norwich 0
Sheff Wed 0, Wolverhampton 0	West Bromwich 1, Arsenal 3
West Ham 0, Aston Villa 1	

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley 0, Oldham 1	Cardiff 2, Brighton 2
Crystal Palace 2, Swans 0	Fulham 1, Cambridge 0
Grimsby 3, Blackburn 2	Leeds 3, Cardiff 0
Sheff Wed 1, Charlton 0	Sheff Wed 1, Charlton 0
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Women footballers snubbed by clubs
LONDON (AP). — England's soccer girls are mad with the boys. They have won through to the final of the UEFA cup and wanted to hold the second leg match against Sweden on May 27 at one of the 12 league pitches in the British capital — but they have been snubbed.

"The clubs were either not interested or said their pitches were going to be dug up in preparation for next season," fumed Women's Football Association secretary Linda Whitehead. "I just can't believe it. We've struggled all the way to get to such a prestigious final and now we haven't even got the incentive of a good ground to play on."

By contrast, the Swedes will stage the first leg at the 52,000 capacity National stadium in Gothenburg on May 12.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Widnes won Britain's State Express Cup, defeating Wigan 19-6 before a crowd of 80,000 at Wembley.

Knicks, Mavericks still alive

NEW YORK (AP). — The Dallas Mavericks and the New York Knicks climbed back into their National Basketball Association playoff series with homecourt victories on Friday night, and the Phoenix Suns grabbed a 2-1 edge on visiting Utah.

Dallas came alive after a pair of lopsided losses in Los Angeles to beat the Lakers 125-115 and move to within 2-1. The Knicks held on to upend Boston 100-92 and trail the Celtics 2-1. Phoenix downed Utah 100-94.

All three series resume today. Milwaukee, who lead the Nets 2-1, are at New Jersey in the remaining series. The Bucks went ahead by virtue of a 100-93 win over the Nets.

Powerful Islanders sweep on

MONTREAL (AP). — Bryan Trotter's power-play goal and Brent Suter's shorthanded score in the first period carried the four-time National Hockey League champion New York Islanders within a single victory of the Stanley Cup Final when they registered a 3-1 decision over the Montreal Canadiens.

The Islanders, who were man-handled here in the first two games of the best-of-seven Prince of Wales Conference final, used a staunch defence and the goaltending of Billy Smith to grab a 3-2 lead in the series. If they win again, they will advance to the championship round against the Edmonton Oilers who were hammered by New York in last year's finals.

Walk record

BERGEN, Norway (AP). — Mexico's Ernesto Canto, the 1983 world champion broke the world record for the 20-kilometre walk yesterday with a time of 1 hour, 18 minutes, 39.9 seconds. He bettered by nearly 90 seconds the previous record held by his countryman, Daniel Bautista, since 1979.

SOCCER: Ties-defending Hamburg crushed Bayern Munich's hopes for the German championship with a 2-1 win over the visiting Bavarians before a sell-out crowd of 61,887. Although without a match Stuttgart remain in first place while Hamburg moved up a notch to second and Munich dropped down one step to third. Stuttgart are on 45, Hamburg 44 and Bayern and Muenchengladbach on 42.

GOLF: PGA title-holder Hal Sutton, armed with a new driver and a new putter, birdied the last two holes and opened up a two-shot lead at the second round of the U.S. Open at Champions event in California. Sutton, five strokes off the pace when the day's play started, compiled a 5-under-par 67 and completed two trips in 136, eight under par.

Aussie David Graham crashed with a 77 after an opening 64.

Deserved praise

KINGSTON (AP). — Australian captain Kim Hughes has called the West Indies cricket team "the strongest, most professional and most disciplined" he has ever played against.

Speaking as his side took yet another drubbing — a 10 wicket defeat in the fifth Test for a 3-0 series loss — Hughes said that the Aussies would, however, be ready to get their own back in a series later in the year. "We have learned a lot from this tour. On our own pitches, in front of our crowds, and with our own umpires we might be a different proposition," he said.

In the English Country championship, Glamorgan paceman Steve Barwick made history repeat itself by hounding Worcester to defeat by 66 runs on a controversial pitch at Worcester. The 23-year-old seamer took 7 for 55 on the ground where he returned a career-best of 8 for 42 last July — the best performance by any bowler in the 1983 championship.

James 202 (McEwen 63, Ellison 4 for 35, Evans 3 for 45) and 113 (Gough 84, Ellison 5 for 27), Keat 183 (Pringle 7 for 53) and 136 for 7. Keat won by three wickets. Glamorgan 309 for 8 declared (Henderson 90 and 134 (Henderson 56, Warner 5 for 27, Cook 4 for 34), Worcester 309 (Neal 73, Davis 4 for 59, Selvey 3 for 41) and 168 (Paul 59, Barwick 7 for 55). Glamorgan won by 66 runs.

Lancashire 269 (Hughes 72, Mortensen 3 for 44, Finney 3 for 50) and 190 for 2 (Fowler 70, Derby 394 (Miller 130, Finney 52, Mole 51, McFarlane 4 for 65), Match Drawn.

Nottingham 291 for 9 declared (Cook 3 for 23) and 188 for 5 declared (Randall 75 not out, Leicester 126 (Rice 3 for 28, Cooper 2 for 18) and 219 for 6 (Butcher 62, Parsons 54 not out), Match Drawn.

Surrey 318 for 7 declared (Knight 87, Lynch 68, Richards 56 not out, Haseley 3 for 49) and 235 for 9 declared (Lynch 66, Pauline 65, Capel 5 for 28), Northampton 300 (Lamb 74, Bailey 65, Pocock 3 for 43, Thomas 3 for 46) and 244 for 4 (Boyd-Moss 79), Northampton won by 6 wickets.

Another fine win

By DON GOULD
TEL AVIV. — A delighted Israeli National Basketball squad returned home on Friday after taking a creditable second place in the four-nation friendly tournament involving powerful opposition in Spain.

Ignoring their obvious height deficiency, the Israelis showed class when they came back from a 91-63 trouncing by the huge Soviet team on Wednesday to defeat Poland 85-73 on the closing evening. The victory avenged an early five-point defeat at the hands of the Poles.

The Russians won the tournament, defeating Spain.

Maccabi Ramat Gan's Doron Jamchee took overall personal scoring honours in the tournament, burning the baskets for 60 points in the three games. He was closely followed by Mickey Berkowitz with 56 points.

Not far short

TEL AVIV. — High jumper Gideon Harmat hinted that he has not given up hope of leaping past the Olympic minimum requirement of 2.19 metres.

Although he managed only 2.1 at the invitation track and field event at Hadar Yosef he showed himself to be jumping fluently. After winning the event comfortably Harmat must still have a good chance of edging over the critical four extra centimetres.

Sharpening up for Poland

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Polish tennis star Wojtek Fibak, 32, now back in his country's Davis Cup team after an absence of four years, should be seen in action next month in the second-round European Zone "A" Davis tie between Israel and Poland in Jerusalem.

The return of the highly-rated Fibak — currently ranked 33rd in the world in singles and 32nd in doubles — has greatly added to the strength of Poland in the competition. Should the Poles get past Greece in this weekend's opening-round match in Warsaw, they will now offer a powerful threat to Israel, particularly if Shlomo Glickstein's prolonged slump persists.

Fibak celebrated his return to compete in his homeland for the first time in over three years, by easily winning the opening match of Poland's Davis Cup tie against Greece. Fibak took less than two hours to sweep past Anastasias Bavelas in three sets, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2. But Fibak's teammate Waldemar Rogowski lost three straight sets to top-ranked Greek player George Kalovelonis, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

Fibak and his Polish wife returned last week from abroad, their first trip home since the authorities declared martial law and suppressed the Solidarity organization in December 1981. The tennis ace, a Solidarity supporter, was bitterly denounced in

Perfect pitching

Post Sports Staff
Arie Kanterewich turned in a night-perfect pitching display as Cookie Company shut out Baumer-Modell 8-0 in "A" Division Israel Softball League action yesterday. He walked only one, allowed just one hit, and struck out an incredible 14 batters.

The Cookie men centered home 17-6 in their second game against the American International School with the AIS taking another drubbing 24-7 at the hand of Maccabi Shearson.

"B" Division-El Dorado, Anglican School Mr. "T" 14, and 11-7 in the return.

School softball

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TEL AVIV. Softball squads from Cairo, Cyprus and the Walworth Barbour American International School in Kfar Shmaryahu are competing this weekend in a high school tournament here.

The Kfar Shmaryahu school is part of an Eastern Mediterranean network that includes American schools in Athens, Amman, Beirut, Cairo, Cyprus, Damascus, Kuwait and Israel. The Israeli-based school of 378 students from kindergarten to high school, including some 15% Israeli students, has teams in hockey, basketball, soccer and softball. Its teams have played in Cairo, Cyprus and Athens, representing "Israel", but are barred from sports competitions in Amman, Damascus and Kuwait.

The 40 visiting softball players were hosted by local students and taken on tours. "We plan to expand the international softball tourney here and make it a regular event," organizer Ed Taktis said.

Mets go marching on

NEW YORK (AP). — The New York Mets won their fifth game in a row, getting eight innings of two-hit pitching from rookie right-hander Ron Darling and a solo homer from Hubie Brooks to beat the Houston Astros 2-0 in Friday night's Major League baseball.

Brooks hit his fourth homer of the season, with two out in the second inning off Astros left-hander Bob Knepper, 3-3.

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Toronto 16 10 615 5

Cleveland 11 11 500 8

Milwaukee 11 12 478 8 1/2

Baltimore 12 14 462 9

Boston 11 15 425 10

New York 8 18 355 12

West Division

California 17 12 586 0

Oakland 15 12 556 1 1/2

Seattle 14 13 519 2 1/2

Minnesota 15 15 464 3 1/2

Chicago 11 13 458 3 3/2

Kansas City 9 13 409 4 1/2

Texas 9 17 346 8 1/2

Friday's Games: Detroit 3, Cleveland 2; Toronto 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings; Chicago 5, Boston 3; Milwaukee 1, New York 0; Baltimore 2, Texas 0; Minnesota 3, Oakland 1; California 4, Seattle 1

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St. Louis 15 13 550 3 1/2

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West Division

Los Angeles 18 9 667 0

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At 36

ISRAEL'S 36th Independence Day, tomorrow, comes as the nation must reconsider its directions. It can be argued that an election campaign with all its frenetic focus on persuasion rather than purpose, on the spoils of power rather than its ends, is not a felicitous occasion for such re-examination.

But in a democracy that is what elections mean. Through the thickets and underbrush of party propaganda, the electorate is asked to spy out the differences that really matter and contrast them with the country's genuine condition. That condition on the eve of Independence Day is perturbing indeed.

There is an unfinished war in Lebanon, whose costs are less remarked upon than they warrant, because the pain is felt too deeply rather than too little. There is an economic crisis, temporarily in eclipse by electoral raves, but which the voters know will engulf them once their ballots are counted. There is an unfinished peace with Egypt, fading rather than flourishing, because neither Cairo nor Jerusalem accord it the priority peace deserves and requires. There is a crisis, long predicted but never acknowledged, at the heart of the West Bank settlement enterprise and the government policy that engenders it. That enterprise has been publicly anchored on the value and possibility of coexistence between Jew and Arab. Yet, there is mounting evidence, of which Jewish terror groups are but one example, that this enterprise is breeding hate and extremism, rather than the usages of coexistence, in Israeli society as a whole.

Afflicted by these and other strains, Israel's party system and political leaders have shown more weaknesses than strengths, more opportunism than high purpose, more rapture with the immediate than vision of its future consequence. Political discourse has been debased and cheapened and political institutions, like the Knesset, discredited by it, enfeebling the sinews of our democracy. There are those who would seek respite from the society's strains in the panacea of a strong man and the spectre of more rigorous social discipline.

It would not be historically accurate to lay this dark and sombre balance sheet at the door of the Likud government and the social forces its seven-year leadership have released. The origins go deeper and further back involving the progressive weakening and sclerosis of the Labour Movement and party, culminating in its ouster in 1977.

But the time when Likud spokesmen could blame their failures on the residues of Labour rule has long passed. The governing party will now have to stand on its record and let the nation judge whether that record and the men who defend it hold the promise of solutions to the dilemmas the country faces.

That process of judgement will for better or worse be the process of re-examination now required. It will begin soon after Independence Day when the parties begin their campaigns. It is appropriate and symbolic that this time the process will be preceded by reflections today on what our national independence has taken in sacrifice and tomorrow on what it has given in blessings.

ARMENIAN VIOLENCE

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were covered with smoke. Ajamian said the blaze destroyed three icons which had been hanging in the room. He said the patriarch had been trying to make him leave the compound for two years.

He also accused the patriarch of the "unprecedented step of hiring Arabs with criminal backgrounds to act as guards." These guards, he said, had abducted one youngster and taken him to the patriarch, who beat the boy, and had attacked another group of young people as they were leaving the compound the night before Easter.

Ajamian said that originally the Armenian community had been loyal to the patriarch, but that now "they realize that what he did was completely wrong." In the struggle, Ajamian has been characterized as pro-Israeli, a characterization which the patriarch roundly rejects.

The patriarch, who claims that the fire was the work of provocateurs, reiterated to *The Post* yesterday his claim that if Ajamian had worked with the Israeli government, it was at the patriarch's bidding. Now, he said, the government and the police are protecting the archbishop, a situation which he said had led to unwarranted tension between the Patriarchate and the government.

He said it is normal to hire Arab guards, as was done during the Mandate and under Jordanian rule. Patriarchal secretary George Hintlian told the police that the violence was the work of one family

in cooperation with Ajamian, who had been kept out of the compound by court order. He added that the patriarch had officially protested to the Justice and Interior Ministries that the police were ineffective against these miscreants.

Meanwhile, a new element came into the picture with the appointment of Ajamian as representative of Armenian Catholics Vashken I at the World Council of Churches in Geneva. In a cable to the patriarch dated April 24, the Catholics said that he ordered Ajamian to Etchmiadzin, the seat of the Armenian church in Soviet Armenia, immediately, to take up his new duties.

Ajamian has said that until he hears such an order directly from the Catholics, he is not leaving.

Meanwhile, Meneshian was at work in his bakery yesterday despite a bruised and swollen eye and a head swathed in bandages. He said that three weeks ago he had had an argument with Ajamian in which the latter said, "I'll teach you."

This, he related directly to the attack on Friday night in which two men, whom he described as Arabs, struck him from behind with metal-tipped clubs as he was walking home. A part-time sports instructor, he fought back and called for help, but not before he was severely bloodied. He was taken to the Old City's Mukassad Hospital, where he was treated. Then he lodged a complaint with the police.

Meneshian says he could recognize his assailants if he saw them again.

BEIRUT

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kilometres north of the capital. The crackle of gunfire quieted after about an hour in the West Beirut battle after the Lebanese Army negotiated a truce between the Druze and Sunnis and sent a half-dozen armoured personnel carriers between the combatants.

Prime Minister Rashid Karamé denounced efforts to "exploit" the fragile situation in Beirut, but he made no announcement of any progress in his efforts to get in place a half-Christian, half-Muslim government intended to finally end Lebanon's civil war.

Druze leader Walid Jumblatt told Beirut radio he thought he would join the cabinet even if Shia Muslim leader Nabih Berri does not. There has been no hint of progress in obtaining Berri's participation.

A peace march planned for today to call for an end to nine years of war in Lebanon was cancelled late last night by Beirut Mayor Shafik Sarduk because of the continued fighting in the capital.

Iman Khalifa, a 29-year-old Beirut University College researcher and organizer of the march, had said late in the afternoon that despite the disturbances, the anti-war demonstration would go on. But after the announcement by the mayor, a woman who answered the telephone at her West Beirut home confirmed the cancellation: "There is nothing we can do," she said.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS

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A CAREFUL analysis of the background to the latest terrorist attacks in Israel together with the Liban outrage in London, leads to the conclusion that there are strong political motives behind them.

They are probably a protest, a warning, a demonstration of force by extremist Arab groups against a change, or an anticipated change, of Soviet policy in the Middle East.

First of all, it is of the utmost significance that two Arab extremist groups, one led by George Habash, the other by Naif Hawatmeh, took responsibility for the most recent operations in Israel. These two Arab terrorist leaders have long been Soviet favourites, especially Hawatmeh, who claims to be a Marxist-Leninist.

This alone indicates some Soviet connections; but which? Indeed, at the end of January an unidentified Soviet diplomat in the U.S. in the course of an interview with the Israeli newspaper *Davar* said there was an argument among Soviet leaders concerning Habash and Hawatmeh. He claimed that the two were supported mainly by a powerful Soviet leader, Boris Ponomarev, head of the international department of the Central Party Committee and *de facto* chairman of the non-official Comintern. There were several other Soviet leaders who were not disposed to support these extremist Arab groups, he said.

THE SABOTAGE attempt on five Arab buses draws attention inevitably to the classic question which arises in the context of a major crime: "Whodunnit?" Who were the perpetrators?

This is the enigma in popular detective stories; it is no less of an enigma in real life. It is, after all, the police's main task: When a crime is committed, effort is concentrated on establishing the identity of the culprit or culprits and bringing them before a court. Once this has been done, it's the end of the story, and the implications and consequences of what happened (or in the present case, luckily, what might have happened) are outside its framework.

It is just this hypothetical question that we wish to consider briefly, but there are two preliminary remarks which may not be out of place.

At present nothing concrete is officially known to the public relating to the actual guilt of any of those who have been arrested. One point is apparently not open

Politics and terror

By MIKHAIL AGURSKY

This interview was not questioned by anybody and it was probably a trial balloon by a certain Soviet clique. If so, Habash and Hawatmeh, feeling that they are losing their support in Moscow, might well resort to a dramatic action in order to demonstrate their efficiency and possibly even to blackmail their enemies in the Kremlin. No doubt Ponomarev himself could use their terrorist operations as an additional argument in his favour. He could argue that it would be a grave mistake to neglect such efficient organizations as Habash's or Hawatmeh's.

But it seems that the Soviet controversy goes much deeper than the matter of these two groups. The twice-yearly official Soviet slogans issued in mid-April were considerably milder with regard to the Middle East conflict than they have previously been. This is hard evidence of changes in the Kremlin. Although the slogans remain hostile to Israel, they have, for example, dropped the demand for its "immediate and unconditional" withdrawal from Lebanon.

In view of this, it was vital for radical Palestinian elements to react immediately and, dramatically. Hawatmeh could not find the necessary team in Israel, and what was demonstrated by Habash was an amateurish improvisation which manifested the weakness of his movement in Israel proper.

Of course, these are speculations, but they seem to be very plausible.

THERE IS ALSO something wrong with Libya. A year ago, Prime Minister Jalloud visited Moscow during Andropov's two-month absence from the Kremlin. Jalloud and Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov issued a joint statement in which they promised to sign a treaty between their two countries in the near future. Indeed, the world media claimed that such a treaty had already been drawn up, but if so it was shelved.

Moreover, a week or two after Jalloud's visit, it was announced by Moscow that the Politburo had "considered" Tikhonov's negotiations with the Libyan premier. What was striking about this was the con-

trast with the wording of announcements about negotiations conducted by, for example, Ustinov or Gromyko, where the phrase used was always "considered and approved."

One can assume that, in view of the new trends among Soviet leaders, Muammar Gaddafi felt that the Soviet unconditional support of Libya was also evaporating and decided to strike demonstratively.

The Soviet domestic-radio reaction to the break of diplomatic relations between Britain and Libya seems to have been very cautious. It presented the Libyan explanation of the London shooting incident, stressing that it was the Libyan explanation and that it was Libya that put the blame on Britain. However, when the newspaper *Pravda* also blamed Britain, the Soviet Foreign Ministry apologized for the article.

WHY IS THE USSR turning, against the most extreme Arab elements, if, in fact, it is doing so? It is a manifestation of strategic changes in Soviet foreign policy under the severe pressure of internal political,

economic and demographic constraints. It is not a change of mood and the triumph of goodwill but a reaction to the harsh reality which confronts the USSR's suicidal expansion. The world balance of power is changing and the Soviets are trying to adapt to these changes at least minimally.

One can now understand the strange visit to this country in March of the delegation of the Soviet Committee for Solidarity and Friendship with the Palestinian People, led by its chairman, the journalist Yuri Barabash. This committee basically denied the right of Israel to exist. When the Soviet leadership determined to make cautious changes in its policy in this region, it decided to demonstrate that it no longer challenges Israel's right to exist. That is why Barabash's delegation was careful to tone down its extremist expression of Soviet policy in relation to Israel.

But there is still resistance to these trends in the USSR itself. People like Ponomarev will not remain passive, and they have vested interests in sabotaging cautious changes. That is why there is a growing danger of terrorist attacks and military provocation. It is aggravated by the struggle for the succession in Syria.

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ROAD TO CHAOS

By REUVEN YARON

to question: the attempt was made by Jews, acting in concert and secrecy. In fact, the successful intervention of the security services was based on inside information.

Very frequently, whenever Arabs are the actual or potential victims of a terrorist attack or attempted attack, some of us tend to seek refuge in the contention that what happened may have been an "Arab provocation." This is one of the ways in which we refuse to look an impalpable reality in the face.

To be sure, "provocations," i.e. the perpetration of an outrage in order to have it attributed to others, is a possibility. But it is rather disingenuous to raise this argument routinely as the most likely, most

plausible thesis. At any rate, it cannot apply to the present case.

NOW THE main point: What would, in all likelihood, have ensued if the sabotage attempt had met with success, on the grand scale it was conceived by its planners and perpetrators?

There can be little doubt that, within a very short time, it would have led to the loss of Judea and Samaria.

Any readiness to tolerate our presence there depends to a large degree upon Israel's constant and effective determination to ensure a reasonable degree of peace and tranquility for the non-Jewish population of the area.

A bloodbath, as contemplated by

those who planted the bombs beneath the buses, would have had worldwide repercussions. It would have created a political climate in which the government of Israel would have found it extremely difficult, if not totally impossible, to resist the tremendous pressures brought to bear upon it. We would have been on our own, abandoned even by our staunchest ally, world Jewry.

Those who masterminded this plot and brought it to the brink of consummation are clearly not only technically proficient but also highly intelligent people.

How, then, could they display such a degree of political ignorance and unawareness, such myopia, bordering on blindness? They and

those like them constitute the gravest present danger to the state and the nation.

It is little short of the miraculous that we have so far been spared the worst, not only in this recent case, but also in the attempt to attack the Temple Mount. In sheer terms of statistics, the likelihood exists that on some other occasion, a comparable terrorist initiative will succeed in evading the security service net.

Preventive measures must, of course, continue; vigilance cannot be relaxed. But they are not enough.

It is an urgent necessity that our political and spiritual leaders give voice to the conviction that this road of terror can lead only to calamity and chaos. An intensive, educative effort may enable our society to contain this dangerous wave which threatens our very existence.

Professor Yaron is the former chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Association.

READERS' LETTERS

THE POSITION OF THE LEBANESE FORCES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I was surprised by an editorial in *The Jerusalem Post*, understanding Mr. Fady Frem's statement regarding "constructive opposition" by the Lebanese Forces to the new government as "wavering in (our) resolve to fight to the end any Syrian-inspired government initiative to bring order to Lebanon."

I would like to clarify this view and point to the following facts:

Our opposition to the directions taken by the Jemayel regime since the abrogation of the May 17 agreement has always been qualified as "constructive opposition." This qualification has been used to distinguish our political position from the (therefore) "destructive opposition" of other local groups who have tried to impose their views by shelling the presidential palace, schools, school buses, and populated areas.

There is no change in our position or in the vocabulary used to describe it and therefore no grounds to say that the Lebanese Forces have resolved to accept Syrian-imposed solutions.

A "Syrian-imposed solution" cannot be a solution - besides the fact that it will not reach the stage of implementation, at least in the areas controlled, protected and supervised by the Lebanese Forces. Such a solution would be a "diktat" and is rejected as such in advance. Consequently, there will be no "political stability" in Lebanon because of Syrian tutelage.

The Karamé government is not considered by the Lebanese Forces as a "Lebanese government." It has been defined, composed, and blessed by Syria and is therefore considered by us as an attempt to extend the Syrian government to Lebanon.

The participation of Mr. Pierre Jemayel and President Camille Chamoun in this government is not a cause of worry for the Christians of Lebanon. The confidence and trust the two leaders enjoy in the Christian community is based on the fact that they have fiercely opposed Syrian hegemony over Lebanon, and that their role inside the government will be to bloc, neutralize and paralyze any pro-Syrian choices that this cabinet will try to impose.

Yet it is necessary to clarify in a strict and final manner that the Lebanese Forces, being a political-military organization and not, as often wrongly viewed and said, a military "arm" of the political parties, adopt in full independence and

freedom and in full democracy the choices and positions they consider to serve best the deep interests of the Christian community of Lebanon.

I totally agree with your views that Walid Jumblatt and Nabih Berri, and therefore the Druze and Shia communities in Lebanon, are today on the verge of becoming the major "losers" in the war of Amin Jemayel on Syria after they were used by Damascus to "bring Jemayel to his knees." This is more reason for the Lebanese Forces to say that Syria cannot bring "stability" to Lebanon.

Last but not least, it is unrealistic to believe that any real, profound and durable solution to the problem of Lebanon can come from the redistribution of ministerial portfolios or of parliament seats, as is often said in the press or in some "experts' statements to describe the "reforms" considered as a valid treatment for Lebanese internal strife.

The only durable and equitable solution to the inter-communal Lebanese problem was defined by Mr. Fady Frem when he proclaimed the political project of the Lebanese Forces, which is based on a conception of Lebanon as a federation of cantons, in which each community will see its rights preserved, its duties defined, and its security guaranteed.

PIERRE YAZBECK
 The Representative of the Lebanese Forces in Jerusalem

BRITISH SETTLERS IN REHOVOT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - Your readers may like to know that a branch of the British Settlers' Association has been established in Rehovot and new members will be most welcome. We offer a programme designed to appeal to all age groups, starting with a family picnic in Canada Park on Independence Day. More details can be had by telephoning the secretary, Mrs. Pat Havron at 054-72077.

MONTY NEWMAN
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 British Settlers' Association -
 Rehovot Branch

Rehovot.

VIENNA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, - As a leading member of the Viennese community's commission for cultural affairs, I wish to comment on your article of April 5, "Jewish life revived," which, in my opinion, does not reflect the spirit of contemporary Jewish Vienna.

The Young Generation party created at the time of the community elections which took place two years ago won four mandates out of 24 - hardly a sweeping victory. They have already abandoned their vice-presidency of the community and stepped down from most commissions they were working in, after driving the community to near-bankruptcy.

Vienna has always had Jewish schools and the "new school complex" planned for the near future is so new that I managed to go to kindergarten and elementary school in the very same building before the war.

The Young Generation people who are active in the community today want to impose their views on everybody. They do not participate in events organized by those who really bear responsibility and fight daily for the cause of Jewry and Israel with due decorum. These children of Holocaust survivors, whose parents had no chance to get a proper education, seem to think the world owes them obedience because they have university degrees. They forget that most Jews all over the world, and especially in Vienna, always belonged to the intelligentsia - with one slight difference. Young Jews were always the most progressive and socially aware people, whereas Vienna's young Jewish activists today are on the far right of the political spectrum and as minimally Jewish as can be.

C.R. RITA KOCH

Vienna.

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF ISRAEL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - On visits to Israel, I never watch TV as I don't understand Hebrew but Joshua Adler's criticism of TV (March 27) applies to you. Judging by your paper, Israel is a grim place, full of strife, danger, hungry people and persecuted Arabs: rarely a good word about Israel.

On several visits, I rented a car and drove in towns and on highways, from Eilat to the beautiful park at the source of the Jordan River. Your roads compare with any of ours. Your drivers are no worse than ours. On two occasions I had car trouble and your people were more helpful than mine.

Contrary to news reports, I found Israel safe. Yes, you have terrorist attacks, reported in detail every time. We have murders and violence too, but with us it is so routine as to be normal, alas, and not reported the world over in minute detail.

You are alarmed by inflation and other problems like security. We are less worried over security but suffer from all other ills. Contrary to Israeli opinion, North American streets are not paved with gold. We have strikes, picket lines and even killings on them. We have 12 per cent unemployment and long low welfare rolls, with lots of poverty and terrible housing shortages.

In Israel, I saw no one go hungry, no abject poverty, but a very vibrant people with a will to work, going about life normally. I saw a high standard of music, culture, civilization; museums, a respect for the past in your excavations, a society leaning over backwards to make peace with its neighbours, even allowing those officially at war to enter your land as tourists.

To achieve peace, many of you are too willing to appease your murderous neighbours who are out to destroy you - latter day Hitler who know how Hitler gained the Su-

detenland so he could later swallow all Czechoslovakia. You forget how your Jews from Arab lands were treated - and still are in Syria and Iraq. I drove through all-Arab towns like Nabulus and people were certainly not being oppressed. They enjoy their own culture. They can observe their own religion freely. Here, we are a multicultural and multiracial land, but Sunday is our day of rest and police arrest those opening businesses in breach of Sunday closing laws, even Jews, Moslems and Seventh-Day Adventists. You are more tolerant.

In fact, my only criticism of Israel is that you are your own worst enemies, you argue too much among yourselves. You are supposed to be a Jewish state but though you allow Christians and Moslems to observe their own holy days, you Jews don't all keep your own holy days, your Sabbath and other Jewish laws. The only justification for Jews to regain their land is for it to be a Jewish land where you observe your God-given laws so you are "a light unto the nations," an example for us all to follow. If not, there is no justification for you to have your state and you can be the same as us, in our secular lands.

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The United News of India quoted eye witnesses as saying that the high-voltage wires gnawed by old bicycles atop the bus.

District police chief U. S. Singh said many of the victims, including children, were burned.

Allahabad is nearly 600 miles northwest of the Indian capital of New Delhi.